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SUBJECT: ECLA PROCEEDINGS MAY 10-11

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1072

1. COMMITTEE I

AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS IN BOGOTA, MARCH 11-15, 1975, CONTAINED MUCH WITH WHICH THE US DELEGATION COULD NOT AGREE. IN THE COURSE OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, USDEL VOICED OBJECTIONS ON SPECIFIC POINTS AND RESERVED ON PART II OF THE REPORT, THE ACTION PLAN. ON MAY 11, THE USDEL AMB. WHITE READ A STATEMENT (TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL) WHICH WAS MADE PART OF THE RECORD.

2. THE CANADIAN DELEGATION READ A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE BOGOTA REPORT CONTAINED MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WITH WHICH THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT AGREE, BUT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DELEGATION VIEWED THE REPORT AS A CLOSELY ARGUED SET OF

PROPOSITIONS THAT REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO PREPARED IT AND IN THIS RESPECT WAS A USEFUL DOCUMENT FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. (IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATION, WHEN THE ECLA SECRETARIAT ASKED THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS, THE DELEGATION REPLIED THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE BOGOTA MEETING.)

3. THE FRENCH DELEGATION PARTICIPATED VIGOROUSLY THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT, BUT REQUESTED NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

4. USDEL AMB. WHITE REQUESTED A VOTE ON THE REPORT. BEFORE THE VOTE WAS TAKEN THE BRITISH DELEGATION, WHICH HAD BEEN SILENT THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS STATED THAT THEY WOULD VOTE TO APPROVE THE REPORT (WE UNDERSTAND THIS IS AN EC/9 POSITION), BUT EXPLAINED THAT THE REPORT DID NOT REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THEIR GOVERNMENT ON A NUMBER OF POINTS, MENTIONING, SPECIFICALLY, PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS, THE BASIC COMMODITY PROGRAM OF UNCTAD, MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND MONETARY REFORM. THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATE STATED HE WOULD VOTE TO APPROVE THE REPORT AND STATED THAT ALTHOUGH INDEXATION MIGHT BE PART OF AN INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT, IT HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE MATTER.

5. IN THE VOTE TO APPROVE THE REPORT THERE WERE 17 IN FAVOR (INCLUDING FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM), ONE OBSTENTION (CANADA) AND ONE OPPOSED (U.S.). THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE MEETING REMAINED REMARKABLY FREE OF ACRIMONY AS IT HAD DURING THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION.

6. RESOLUTIONS: (A) URUGUAY, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA SUBMITTED A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON LATIN AMERICAN SAFETY NET (REPORTED SEPTTEL), (B) TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A LATIN AMERICAN CENTER TO MONITOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS PROPOSED THIS IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH TO ECLA), AND (C) TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE UNITED NATIONS UNIVERSITY MORE UNCLASSIFIED

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EFFECTIVE BY DEVOTING ATTENTION TO TECHNOLOGY USEFUL FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TEXTS OF THE TRINIDAD RESOLUTIONS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE. ALL RESOLUTIONS ARE REFERRED TO PLENARY FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION.

7. OTHER MATTERS. IN DISCUSSION OF THE BOGOTA REPORT URUGUAYAN DEL PROPOSED NEW PARAGRAPH CALLING ATTENTION TO MARCH 1975 CIES MEETING AND LISTED SEVERAL AREAS IN

WHICH U.S. HAD DEMONSTRATED WILLINGNESS TO WORK
COOPERATIVELY AND POSITIVELY VIS-A-VIS LATIN INTERESTS.
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